

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Much of the "news" which is broadcast today in America is nothing more than opinion but not identified as such. This has done a great disservice to the American people and has caused an unprecedented re-definition of the word "journalism".

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It is time to give back to the American people OUR airwaves. Thank you.